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In re: In-joon Yeo et al;  
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For: **ELECTRONIC DEVICES INCLUDING ELECTRODES WITH INSULATING SPACERS THEREON AND RELATED METHODS**

Date: August 30, 2005

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This response is submitted in reply to the Official Action dated August 8, 2005 ("the Action"). In the Action, the Examiner required an election from the following species:

Species I. FIG. 1  
Species II. FIG. 2F  
Species III. FIG. 3F  
Species IV. FIG. 4B  
Species V. FIG. 5B

Applicants hereby elect, **with traverse**, the claims of Species I including Claims 1-5 and 80.

This election, however, is made with traverse, and continued examination of all pending claims is requested for the following reasons. In particular, the Manual Of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) states that:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.

MPEP, Sec. 803. In this application, search and examination do not present a serious burden because the search and examination of the Independent claims has already been conducted, and all amendments have been to add recitations to claims (*i.e.*, no broadening amendment have been made).

In the Amendment of May 23, 2005, the Applicants requested reconsideration of the patentability of Claims 1, 11, 20, 40, and 49, which were all subject to search and examination

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in the Office Action, of March 9, 2005. While each of Claims 1, 11, 20, 40, and 49 were amended in the Amendment of May 23, 2005, all amendments were to add recitations, and none of the amendments were broadening. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that further search and/or examination does not present a serious burden because search and examination has already been conducted. Consideration of the arguments presented in the Amendment of May 23, 2005, and allowance of all claims is thus respectfully requested.

If any extension of time for the accompanying response or submission is required, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, which may be required, or credit any refund, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.


Respectfully submitted,

  
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